Reservoir Storage Outlook

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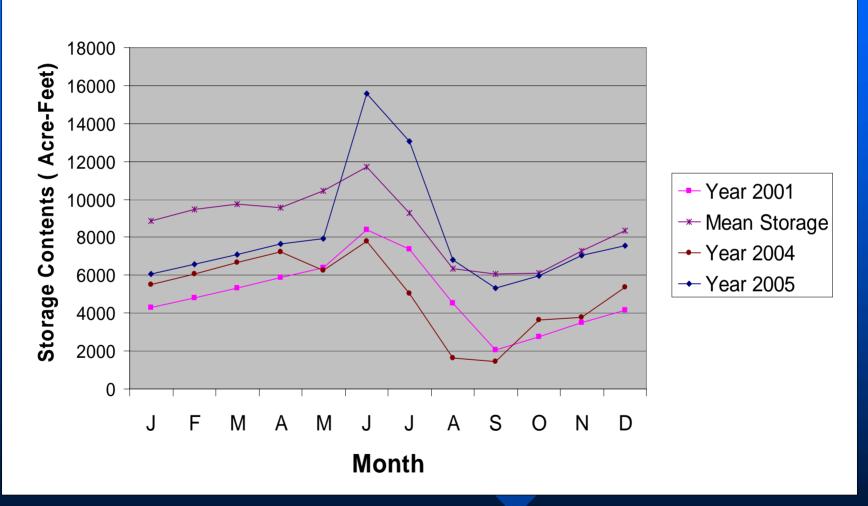
RESERVOIR CONTENTS REPORT

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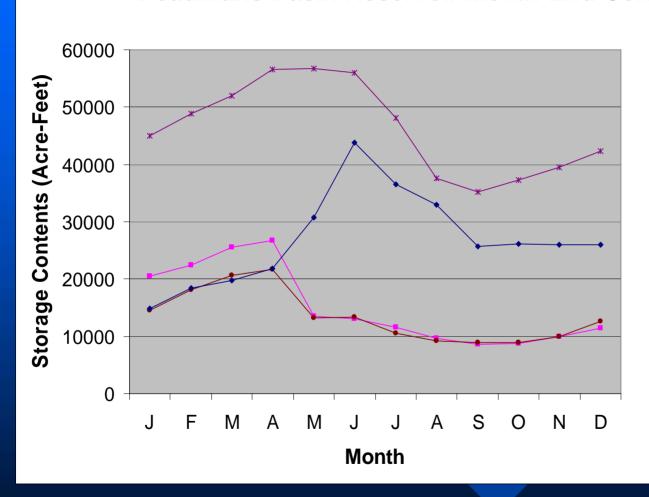
All Contents in Acre-Feet

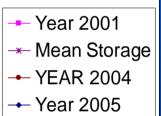
RESERVOIR		CONTENTS			%AVERAGE	Reading	COMMENTS
		AVERAGE	Last Year	PRESENT		Date	
		1960 - 2005	2/28/2005	2/28/2006	2/28/2006		MID MONTH DATA
ACKLEY		3,259	2,260	2,437	75	3/3/06	Frozen
BAIR		3,921	3,130	2,430	62		Est, no change since Dec 05
CATARACT		350	350	350	100		Est, not read
COONEY	*	18,818	21,270	19,833	105	3/2/06	
COTTONWOOD		606	600	606	100		Est, not read
DEADMAN'S BASIN		45,963	18,380	36,072	78	3/7/06	
E.F. ROCK CREEK	*	8,649	6,570	8,870	103	3/1/06	
FRENCHMAN		3,555	3,170	2,432	68	3/6/06	
MARTINSDALE		8,532	3,130	8,770	103		Est, no change since Dec 05
MIDDLE CREEK	*	6,224	6,780	6,698	108	2/27/06	
NEVADA CREEK	*	5,437	4,600	6,225	114	2/28/06	
NILAN		6,269	4,430	5,591	89	2/28/06	
N.FK. SMITH RIVE	*	6,270	6,550	3,825	61		Est, not read
RUBY RIVER	*	26,969	25,390	21,390	79		Est, not reported
TONGUE RIVER	*	36,340	42,130	42,434	117	3/6/06	
W.F. BITTERROOT	*	4,936	6,600	6,763	137		Est, not read
WILLOW CREEK		14,228	14,400	17,731	125	3/3/06	
YELLOWATER		1,130	170	102	9	_	Est, not read

East Fork Reservoir Month-End Contents



Deadmans Basin Reservoir Month-End Contents





Conclusions

- 10 out of 18 Reservoirs are at or Above Average Storage
- 5 of the Below Average Reservoirs have Less Storage than Last Year

Conditions are Generally Improving (Last Year, 12 Reservoirs were Below Average)